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Minutes of Meeting Held in  
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 2 April 1957

Director of Central Intelligence  
Allen W. Dulles  
Presiding

M E M B E R S   P R E S E N T

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence,  
Department of State  
Major General Robert A. Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,  
Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral C. B. Martell, acting for Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Department of the Navy  
Major General Millard Lewis, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters,  
United States Air Force  
Brigadier General Richard Collins, Deputy Director for Intelligence,  
The Joint Staff  
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative  
to the IAC  
Mr. Meffert Kuhrtz, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation  
representative to the IAC

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1. Approval of Minutes  
26 March Meeting  
(IAC-M-282)

Approved as written.

2. Review of Crisis Situations

- a. Watch Committee Report  
No. 347

Noted.

- b. Situation in Middle East

The members discussed developments in the Middle East, with particular emphasis on the tense situation in Jordan and problems related to any attempted passage of Israeli ships through the Straits of Tiran and the Suez Canal.

- c. Other Crisis Situations

Mr. Armstrong noted the continuance of a crisis situation in Argentina and the members also exchanged views on developments in Indonesia.

In addition, the members discussed certain questions with respect to the Soviet reaction to establishment of US guided missile bases overseas. The Chairman noted that he would consider including an item on this latter matter in his next NSC briefing.



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4. Scheduling of NIE 11-4-57  
Soviet Capabilities and Courses  
of Action Through 1962  
(IAC-M-282, item 6)

The Chairman and members reviewed in considerable detail various factors relevant to the scheduling of this paper, including the practical difficulties inherent in attempting to satisfy the needs of various potential consumers whose primary requirements arise at different times during the year, the effect of timing on the quality of intelligence available and certain other production problems. In the course of the discussion, the Chairman emphasized the desirability of timing publication so that those important Congressional or Executive decisions to which this paper might be pertinent could be made in the light of the latest available agreed intelligence. The members also discussed the question of meeting the needs of specific consumers through interim reviews of significant changes rather than complete revisions of the basic estimate. Following this exchange of views, the members concurred in the Chairman's suggestion that NIE 11-4-57 be scheduled for completion about 15 November. In this connection, Mr. Kent noted that, on the basis of informal advice he had received, publication of NIE 11-4-57 in November might satisfy the NESC's requirements and eliminate the need for production of a "Gross Capabilities" paper.

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7. Communication from President's  
Board of Consultants

The Chairman circulated to the members a memorandum incorporating certain suggestions by the President's Board of Consultants relative to the production of coordinated current intelligence. After exchanging views with the members on this matter, the Chairman suggested that this question be considered further at the next regular IAC meeting.

Adjournment: 1250



Secretary

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SECRETARY'S NOTE

No objection having been raised by a member, the Secretary has authorized release to USIA of NIE 100-57, "Sino-Soviet Foreign Economic Policies and Their Probable Effects in Underdeveloped Areas," 26 March 1957 (IAC-M-282, Secretary's Note 4).

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ALSO PRESENT

Central Intelligence Agency

Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell  
Mr. Robert Amory, Jr.  
Mr. Huntington Sheldon  
Mr. Sherman Kent  
Mr. Otto Guthe



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Department of State

Mr. William McAfee

Department of the Army

Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Pratt

Department of the Navy

Captain W. S. Howell

Department of the Air Force

Colonel Willis B. Sawyer  
Colonel Lewis R. Long  
Lieutenant Colonel Van A. Woods, Jr.

The Joint Staff

Colonel Charles H. Dayhuff, Jr., USA